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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project 17-052 - Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am pleased to support the Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago's *Certificate of Need* application to establish a 14-station dialysis facility in my Congressional District at 10801 S. Western Avenue. The new facility will help address the growing need for dialysis services in the area, easing the burden on staff at existing clinics and making it easier for area patients to receive appropriate treatment options.

Studies have shown that access and continuity of care are especially important for chronic care patients, and that having a medical "home" helps reduce health care costs as well as medical complications. By opening a local, community-based dialysis facility, these vital needs are being addressed, allowing residents to be near their homes with their loved ones, spending more time at work, and otherwise enjoying productive lives.

There is an urgent need for dialysis services in Illinois with over 1.6 million patients suffering with kidney disease. In Chicago, there is also a high rate of death from kidney disease. This dialysis center will accommodate all patients, regardless of their insurance status. This is particularly important as many area residents lack proper health insurance.

I strongly believe adding needed medical facilities in this part of my District will benefit my constituents. I, therefore, fully support the Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago *CON* application and respectfully urge your favorable consideration of the same.

Sincerely,

Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress